

# County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2008 Legislative Session

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## Resolution No. 34 -2008

Introduced by: Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, and Jennifer Terrasa

Co-sponsored by: Greg Fox and Courtney Watson

A RESOLUTION creating a youth task force to advise the County Council; providing for the membership, officers, duties, and powers of the task force; requiring the task force to hold certain meetings and issue certain reports; and generally relating to a youth task force.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted\_\_\_\_, Adopted with amendments\_\_\_\_, Failed\_\_\_\_, Withdrawn\_\_\_\_, by the County Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

Certified By \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1           **WHEREAS**, youth of Howard County have reached out to County government to  
2 advocate for a stronger youth voice; and  
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4           **WHEREAS**, the County Council recognizes the valuable contributions that youth  
5 make in our community every day; and  
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7           **WHEREAS**, the County Council wishes to help empower youth to positively  
8 impact their communities and the County; and  
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10          **WHEREAS**, the County Council recognizes the power of youth working together  
11 and wants to encourage them to be engaged in the political process; and  
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13          **WHEREAS**, the County Council wants to encourage civility and strengthen and  
14 provide an outlet for the voice of youth by emphasizing collaboration, trust, empathy, and  
15 ethical behavior; and  
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17          **WHEREAS**, the County Council supports the implementation, promotion, and  
18 encouragement of leadership development for youth as they search for solutions to the  
19 problems that face them and the County; and  
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21          **WHEREAS**, the County Council believes that there needs to be an established  
22 way for the youth of the County to advise local government; and  
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24          **WHEREAS**, Section 902 of the Howard County Charter authorizes the creation  
25 of temporary boards to study issues and advise the County Council;  
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27          **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard  
28 County, Maryland, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008 that there is established a  
29 youth task force to advise the County Council.  
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1           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, for purposes of this Resolution,  
2   “youth” means an individual who is 21 years old or younger and “adult” means an  
3   individual who is not a youth.

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5           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Council requests that the  
6   Howard County Local Children’s Board convene and oversee the youth task force.

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8           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the youth task force shall consist of  
9   the following members:

10          (1)     a student from each of the 12 public high schools in Howard County  
11   ~~nominated by the Superintendent of the Howard County Public School System;~~

12          (2)     a student ~~nominated by the administration of~~ from Glenelg Country  
13   School;

14          (3)     a student ~~nominated by the administration of~~ from Chapelgate Christian  
15   Academy;

16          (4)     five individuals, one to be ~~nominated~~ designated by each member of the  
17   County Council;

18          (5)     one individual ~~nominated by~~ representing the County Executive;

19          (6)     one student of Howard Community College who is 21 years old or  
20   younger at the time of appointment ~~to be nominated by the President of Howard~~  
21   ~~Community College;~~

22          (7)     the Student Member of the Board of Education of Howard County;

23          (8)     one individual ~~nominated by~~ representing the Board of Education of  
24   Howard County;

25          (9)     one youth ~~nominated by~~ representing PATH (People Acting Together in  
26   Howard), an affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation;

27          (10)    one youth and one adult ~~nominated by~~ representing Leadership Howard  
28   County;

29          (11)    one youth ~~nominated by~~ from the Columbia Association Teen Advisory  
30   Committee;

- 1           (12)   one youth and one adult ~~nominated by~~ from the HC DrugFree Teen  
2   Advisory Council;
- 3           (13)   one individual ~~nominated by~~ representing the Department of Recreation  
4   and Parks;
- 5           (14)   one individual ~~nominated by~~ representing the Howard County Library;
- 6           (15)   one individual ~~nominated by~~ from the Volunteer Center Serving Howard  
7   County;
- 8           (16)   one individual ~~nominated by~~ from the Horizon Foundation;
- 9           (17)   one individual ~~nominated by~~ representing the Howard County Local  
10   Children's Board;
- 11          (18)   one youth ~~nominated by~~ from the Howard County Association of Student  
12   Councils;
- 13          (19)   one youth and one adult ~~nominated by~~ from Howard County Connections;
- 14          (20)   one youth and one adult ~~nominated by~~ from Voices for Change of Howard  
15   County;
- 16          (21)   one individual ~~nominated by~~ representing the Department of Citizen  
17   Services.

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19           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ~~the entities that nominate the~~  
20   ~~members, to the extent practical, shall consider~~ the membership shall reflect the diversity  
21   of the youth of Howard County;

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23           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, in case of a vacancy on the youth  
24   task force, ~~the appropriate entity shall nominate~~ a replacement ~~who~~ shall serve for the rest  
25   of the term.

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27           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, from among its members, the youth  
28   task force shall elect co-chairpersons, one of whom is a youth and one of whom is an  
29   adult, and may elect the other officers that the task force finds desirable.

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31           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the youth task force shall:

- (1) articulate a vision for youth in Howard County;
- (2) study and evaluate the desirability, feasibility, and potential structure and membership and responsibilities of a permanent youth commission;
- (3) make recommendations to the County Council;
- (4) hold at least two public hearings;
- (5) issue a preliminary progress report to the County Council before the end of 2008; and
- (6) issue a final report to the County Council by the end of May 2009 and send a copy of the report to the County Executive.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, during its study, the youth task force:

- (1) may testify on youth issues;
- (2) may review and comment on the County's operating and capital budgets; and
- (3) may recommend legislative proposals to the County Council.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the youth task force membership may:

- (1) include any other people needed by the task force to accomplish its work;
- (2) break into sub-committees to accomplish its work; and
- (3) expand the membership of any sub-committee as needed to accomplish the work.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the youth task force shall terminate after it issues its final report.